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1. The Union of Transjordanian Students in Cairo was founded in 1946 as a non-political club for students. Premises were rented and a good reading room was set up at that time when Samir Pasha Rifa'i, then Prime Minister of Transjordan, granted the club a subsidy of LP 500 from Government funds. 25X1X6
2. [REDACTED] until 1948 the organization remained an educational, non-political body, but that since the beginning of 1948 the club gradually has been brought under the control of persons who "prefer politics to educational matters," and an extreme and anti-Hashimite political program has evolved.
3. The organization's present program includes the following aims:
- a. To purchase communist books for the reading room.
  - b. To collect financial contributions.
  - c. To shift the program of the club from sports and social affairs to politics (of a nature harmful to the Transjordanian Government, source asserts).
  - d. To form an opposition group in Amman, which will oppose King 'Abdullah, the Prime Minister, the army high command, and the Anglo-Transjordanian Treaty.
  - e. To dispatch telegrams to the United Nations, in protest against Hashimite policy.
  - f. To print communist circulars attacking the Transjordanian Government.

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- g. To organize demonstrations in Cairo. (Source states that, in the last demonstration which was organized there, the Transjordanian Embassy and the Minister to Egypt, Baha-al-Din Tugan, were attacked, partly because of certain suggestions which had been made at the Jericho Conference and partly because the Arab Legion did not go to the aid of the Egyptian Army during hostilities in Palestine.)

4. The following are the present leaders of the club:

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| a. Shafi Ayyub          | 33 years old; student of agriculture; moderate Communist.                                     |
| b. 'Izz-al-Din Bakir    | 32 years old; former student at al-Azhar in Cairo; a rabid Communist.                         |
| c. Jamal Qutab Baydas   | 24 years old; student of political science and economics at a university in Cairo; Communist. |
| d. Walid Busisu         | 26 years old; medical student; Communist.   |
| e. 'Abd-al-Rahman Kurdi | Student of political science and economics at Faruq University in Cairo. //                   |
| f. Tahsin Nabulsi       | 27 years old; student at a medical school in Cairo.   |

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